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## First meeting of Health Application Working Group to be held on Thursday, February 11

**CHICAGO** –The Illinois Department of Insurance announced today that the Health Application Working Group (“Working Group”) will hold its first meeting Thursday, February 11, 2010, at the Department’s offices in Springfield and Chicago. The meeting is open to the public.

### *Background*

The Working Group was created as a result of [Public Act 95-857](#), which requires the development of standard health insurance applications to make it easier for individuals and small businesses in Illinois to shop for health insurance and compare competing plans. While individuals and small businesses seeking quotes from competing health insurance plans must now complete a separate application for each health insurer, the Working Group will develop a single health insurance application that will be used by all insurers and HMOs beginning January 1, 2011.

The Working Group is comprised of a diverse group of health care experts and consumer advocates, small business owners, insurance agents, and insurance company representatives.

### *Meeting Details*

The first meeting of the Working Group will take place on Thursday, February 11, from 10am – 12pm. The meeting will be held in the Department of Insurance offices in Springfield and Chicago:

James R. Thompson Center  
100 West Randolph  
9<sup>th</sup> Floor Videoconference Room (9-375)  
Chicago, IL 60601

320 West Washington  
4<sup>th</sup> Floor Videoconference Room  
Springfield, IL 62767

All meetings of the Working Group will be announced in advance and open to the public. If you plan on attending, please RSVP to Josef Weimholt at [joe.weimholt@illinois.gov](mailto:joe.weimholt@illinois.gov) or (312) 814-5436.

### ***Working Group Members***

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